



CITY SNIPPETS

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SPRING IS HERE

March 20th marks the official start of spring, and with it comes warmer weather and new beginnings. This time of year, many people want to get outdoors and work on landscaping and planting in their yards. If you're ready to exercise your green thumb, here are a few helpful tips from the City's Public Services Department:

Mulch is a gardener's best friend. Proper mulching nourishes soil, prevents weeds, conserves water, regulates temperature, and prevents erosion. Mulch is now available for \$20 per 3-yard scoop (full-size pickup truck load) at the City of Hickory's Yard Waste Facility on Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The mulch is made from yard waste collected by Solid Waste crews throughout the year, including tree limbs and Christmas trees, that are ground into useable material for your landscape. When mulching around trees, remember to remove any grass within a 3-foot area before putting down 2-4 inches of mulch around the trunk, but not touching it.



Plant and nurture trees. Trees provide many benefits to the natural environment, including air quality improvement and the reduction of carbon in the atmosphere. A healthy mature tree can also increase property values. All of these reasons should be an incentive to plant trees.

When planting trees, it's important to consider the full size of your tree at maturity and only plant where there is sufficient space both above and below ground.

Maintain healthy, mature trees with proper pruning and never top trees. For more information about tree care, please visit the North Carolina Urban Forest Council's website, www.ncufc.org.



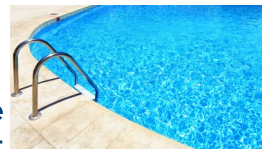
Steer clear of English ivy and kudzu. In certain environments, groundcovers can enhance and protect the landscape. However, it is recommended to opt for native, non-invasive species over the popular English ivy. Although widely appreciated for its glossy, green leaves, English ivy can become invasive and harmful to trees and neighboring plants. Similarly, kudzu is an exotic, invasive vine that is fast growing and difficult to control. For tips about how to deal with encroaching English ivy or kudzu, visit Catawba County Cooperative Extension's website, www.catawba.ces.ncsu.edu.

SWIMMING POOL & LAWN SPRINKLER INFORMATION

This spring, please keep these instructions in mind when filling up your swimming pool or turning on your sprinkler system.

POOL FILL ADJUSTMENTS

Remember to call at least one business day **BEFORE** you fill your swimming pool from the ground up so you may receive an adjustment on the sewer charge on your water bill. Our staff **MUST** read your water meter before and after the pool is filled to ensure an accurate volume. Please call Collections at 828-323-7424 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.



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76 North Center Street

WEBSITE

HickoryNC.gov

PHONE

828.323.7400

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HICKORY CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 6 & 20
7 p.m.

Julian G. Whitener
Municipal Building (City Hall)
www.HickoryNC.gov



COVID-19 UPDATES

For Hickory operational changes and updates regarding the pandemic:
<https://www.hickorync.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates>

WORKS BY WARHOL

Exhibit Open Through June 6
Hickory Museum of Art
www.HickoryArt.org

LIBRARY WEEK

April 4 - 10

Theme: Welcome to Your Library
Patrick Beaver Memorial and
Ridgeview Branch Libraries

CHAMBER CLASSICS WITH TESLA QUARTET

Saturday, April 10
7:30 p.m.

Virtual and Drendel Auditorium
Western Piedmont Symphony
www.WPSymphony.org

DOWNTOWN HICKORY FARMERS MARKET

Season begins Saturday, April 17

Wed: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sat: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Sails on the Square

Downtown Hickory

www.HickoryFarmersMarket.com

LR VISITING WRITERS SERIES: KAO KALIA YANG

Saturday, April 17
12 p.m.

P.E. Monroe Auditorium - LRU
www.LR.edu/VWS

CONCERT FOR THE COMMUNITY

Saturday, April 24
7:30 p.m.

Virtual and Drendel Auditorium
Western Piedmont Symphony
www.WPSymphony.org

LAWN SPRINKLER METERS

The City of Hickory must be contacted to activate irrigation meters to avoid the potential for tampering charges being added for meters that are found with consumption that were turned on by an unauthorized person. To activate a lawn sprinkler meter, call Collections at 828-323-7424 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Also, remember to call Collections at the end of the season to inactivate the service and discontinue monthly base charges.



DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

On April 17, the Downtown Hickory Farmers Market will return to Union Square. Come out to The Sails on the Square on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy fresh, local produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods, and more. The City of Hickory sponsors live, local music at the Farmers Market each Saturday. Shop local and support your neighboring farmers! For more information and weekly updates of participating farms, visit www.HickoryFarmersMarket.com.

HICKORY IS RESILIENT

What a year! No one knew that so much could change in this past year, from how we lived our lives to how business was conducted everywhere.

Even though we postponed the City of Hickory's 150th Anniversary celebratory events in June 2020, the City was fortunate to still be able to celebrate by hosting a very interesting Lecture Series with Patrick Daily of the Hickory Landmarks Society that discussed the history of Hickory Tavern, the year 1870 in Hickory, and the Piedmont Wagon Company. If you missed the series, you can still catch these sessions on the Hickory Landmarks Society Facebook page. Go to www.HKY150.com for the links to each.

Throughout 2020, numerous brand-partnered events needed to be cancelled or postponed due to pandemic restrictions and considering overall public safety. The brand partners have been integral in sharing the Life. Well Crafted. brand message in their tag lines and promotions, by building events with the City, and by growing and changing with the City as we have continued to renovate and revitalize over the past 10 years. These partners have been so flexible and professional, especially when we all had to cancel and postpone events, rework events, and create new ways to reach and engage with residents and the external community.

We cannot wait to be able to get back to our partnerships, City branded events, downtown and City-wide entertainment, and all the things that we all miss right now. City partners, organizations, and businesses have worked hard to keep going during the pandemic. We appreciate what everyone brings to Hickory and offers to our residents and to those who come to Hickory to visit this wonderful City!

Our City brand is Life. Well Crafted. because everyone here continues to keep "Crafting Hickory" with us. We aren't stopping. We continue to push forward and grow as a community. Hickory is resilient and resourceful. We are hopeful and look forward to when we can all gather again and celebrate all that Hickory has and will have. And, we look forward to celebrating the City's 150th events this year with #Repeat150! Continue to check www.HickoryNC.gov and www.HKY150.com for updates.